

Perth Amboy Feb^r 11th 1777

I have great reason to believe
that a Ship will sail in a few Days for
England, I am determin'd not to miss that
opportunity of informing my Dearest Friend
that I am well though almost benighted to
Death with continual alerts & frequent night
Duty, you will have heard (I believe indeed)
I informed you so before of that the Rebels
have of late turned the tables upon us;
I am in hopes & have not the smallest
doubt but that we shall soon return them
part of the troops that had been sent to
Rhode Island the beginning of the winter have
been recalled & are to be sent into the Country
if General Howe would send them to England

Town & so march from thence, from Brunswick
from Bonham Town & from Limerick (which are our
present posts) all at once, I think we might
very easily give Mr Washington such a drubbing
at Morris town (if he staid) as he would not
like, if he would not fight us, I would destroy
that whole County the chief seat of rebellion
& sedition, & he would then be obliged to
cross the Delaware which he might also find
difficult if properly prepared. I am credibly
informed that he has not above nine thousand
men with him in the Jerseys though the country
people say he has between twenty & thirty. our
army are in great want of Intelligence & it
is amazing the difficulty we meet with in getting
any to be depended on, I believe Admiral
Graves was not far out in his remark when
he said the friends of government ought all

be contained in
a high bono, I am pretty sure there
are not three Americans in the whole country
that are so at leant. We had a little
Brush with them the other day near Brunswick
they attacked a prizing Party ours & we beat
them with considerable loss we had only a Captain
Cunningham of the light Infantry ^{killed} & about ten
men killed & wounded I had a Dragoon of my own
killed. Therefore the Dragoons are now employ'd
on is a very horapig & a very Dangerous one
re patrolling the Roads & carrying Letters & express
from Post to Post, neither of which Duty we
can scarce ever perform without being shot at
I have within these six Days had a man & horse
killed another man wounded & his horse kill'd
under him & he was taken by 3 or four of them
who had fired at him, he watched his opportunity
& knocked two of them down with the butt of
his carbine & escaped. My friend has advised

I got a ball
been shot through the thigh ~~I~~^I though
My Great coat. they wish of a good enough
as in this shabby Weather, but it makes
the best Soldiers twice as fast as any drilling
in time of peace. I think we are now a very good
Regt. So much for the Military, now my dear friend
Seapier in return for all this nonsense will
you give me a full & particular account of all
the Scandal & rows both in England & at home
since of this time I suppose you have your
Marion bien Monte. I hope you have heard
that Damned hairy Taddle of eight hundred
of your back & part to be road all your life
by one such litter to carry you; if you see Mr
Barozze in England write me your real opinion
as to his health looks & spirits. Love to your brother
a prospect to the best of your family & comfortable
friends if I have any take me ask often or a letter
re M^r Deane's illid yours invariably
Love to Lisette & subscribe a kiss to Mrs Stanley